

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 473

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Randy Rayburn, restaurateur and philanthropist of Nashville on the establishment of the Randy Rayburn School of Culinary Arts at Nashville State Community College.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this body should pause to recognize the accomplishments of Tennesseans who are successful in their life's endeavors and are committed to providing meaningful opportunities for future generations to enjoy such successes and accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, one such Tennessean is Randy Rayburn, a native of Milan and long-time restaurateur in Nashville where he resides with his loving wife, Sonata, and their son, Duke; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rayburn is a Master Chef certified by the Culinary Institute of America in Hyde Park, New York and a consummate business professional who operates three fine Nashville eateries, the Sunset Grill, Midtown Café and Cabana; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rayburn so values the community college education he received at Jackson State Community College that he was inspired to give on-going support to Nashville State Community College, with his ultimate desire to have more homegrown cooks for people in Nashville and all across the state; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Rayburn's commitment to providing high quality opportunities for culinary education to Tennesseans is so great that he led the charge to raise 1.3 million dollars in matching funds for Nashville State Community College for the continuation and enhancement of that school's culinary arts program; and

WHEREAS, in April 2011 the faculty at Nashville State Community College unanimously voted to rename their culinary arts program in honor of Mr. Rayburn as a lasting tribute; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby congratulate Randy Rayburn on the prestigious honor of having Nashville State Community College's culinary arts program renamed in his honor as the, "Randy Rayburn School of Culinary Arts".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to Mr. Rayburn our deepest appreciation for his dedication to fine dining, successful restaurant management and the development of future culinary artists who will carry on his great legacy in Tennessee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.